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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8 and 9 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A connector assembly for removably interconnecting first conductors of a flat flexible circuit to a plurality of second conductors without the use of conductive terminals, comprising:

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X a male connector including a relatively rigid male body member having an edge about which the flexible circuit is wrapped with the first conductors of the circuit facing away from the body member at the edge thereof; and

an adapter including a first receptacle for receiving the male connector inserted edge-first into the first receptacle, and a second receptacle having first and second openings for receiving the second conductors in position for engaging the first conductors of the flexible circuit at the edge of the male body member.



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